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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09877.0189

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Giacomo ROBA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
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Application No.: 09/986,622 ) Examiner: John M. Hoffmann  
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Filed: November 9, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION ) Confirmation No.: 5933  
FURNACE FOR DRAWING )  
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS )  
TO OPTICAL FIBRES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of July 7, 2005. A fee of \$450.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

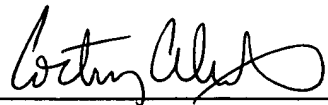
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